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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BERLIN/COPENHAGEN AIR SERVICE

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1. NOT HAVING DISCUSSED PROPOSED PANAM SERVICE
BERLIN/COPENHAGEN WITH UK AUTHORITIES, EMBASSY DOES NOT
HAVE A PARTICULARLY GOOD FEEL FOR LIKELY UK ATTITUDE
TOWARD NEW SERVICE. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT PANAM
HAS EXPERIENCED NUMBER OF PROBLEMS HERE IN UK BECAUSE OF
CHARTER INFRACTIONS AND WHAT UK REGARDS AS VIOLATION
OF ITS OPERATING PERMIT FOR SERVICES OVER ROUTE 5
(US WEST COAST/LONDON/PARIS) AND AS RESULT CARRIER IS
NOT AT PRESENT IN GOOD STANDING WITH AVIATION AUTHORITIES
ALTHOUGH THIS SITUATION IS CLEARLY IMPROVING. FROM OUR
PAST CONTACTS WITH FCO OFFICIALS, WE WOULD JUDGE THAT
THEY ARE AS CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING BRITISH AIRWAYS
INTERESTS AS THEY ARE WITH POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FOR
EXPANDING BERLIN SERVICE AND THEREFORE WE CANNOT
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RELY ON STRONG SUPPORT FROM FCO IN INFLUENCING BRITISH

POSITION ON PROPOSED COPENHAGEN/BERLIN SERVICE.
NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF UK
AGREEMENT ON PROPOSED SERVICE INASMUCH AS MANNER IN
WHICH PANAM PROPOSES TO OPERATE IT WOULD APPEAR TO
MINIMIZE ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BRITISH AIRWAYS.

2. AS FOR TACTICS, IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES TO PROCEED
WITH COPENHAGEN/BERLIN PROPOSAL, WE WOULD SUPPORT
EMBASSY BONN'S RECOMMENDATION REF (B) THAT PANAM'S
APPLICATION FOR AMENDED OPERATING PERMIT BE FILED WITH
AND APPROVED BY CAAS IN BONN BEFORE NOTIFICATION TO
DANES.
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